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Meeting Minutes

ANC 3/4G Public Meeting

October 26, 2020

Zoom Meeting, 7:00-9:00 pm Video available at https://youtu.be/dwjeMw gKUI

<u>Introductions, description of virtual meeting procedures, and adoption of agenda</u> (00:00:00)

Commissioners introduced themselves. Commissioner Speck reviewed meeting procedures. Commissioners Clayman, Malitz, Tuck-Garfield, and Speck were present. Commissioner Bradfield, Fromboluti, and Maydak were absent. (Commissioner Fromboluti joined the meeting at about 7:30 pm.) The Commission voted 4-0 to approve the agenda, adding an agenda item to discuss the grant for District Bridges.

Announcements (00:04:30)

Commissioner Speck announced that on November 16th at 9:00am, the Council's Committee on Transportation and the Environment will hold a hearing on the District Department of Transportation's Slow Streets announced. Residents can sign up to testify and learn more about the hearing at https://dccouncil.us/event/transportation-the-environment-public-roundtable-12/. Residents can also contact Aukima Benjamin at abenjamin@dccouncil.us.

Commissioner Speck announced that the Council's Committee of the Whole will be holding a hearing on the District's Comprehensive Plan on November 12 and 13. Residents can sign up to testify and learn more about the hearing at https://dccouncil.us/event/committee-of-the-whole-public-hearing-34/.

Commissioner Speck announced that WMATA will begin construction on the bus depot soon. As a result of the construction, the L2 bus stop at the depot will be moved to Connecticut and Northampton Street NW.

Commissioner Speck announced that early in-person voting in the District will begin tomorrow. Residents can learn more about the election and voting locations at www.dcboe.org.

Stephen Marencic from the Office of People's Counsel announced that if anyone has any utility related issues, they should reach out to the Office of the People's Counsel at info@opc-dc.gov. There have been a number of utility related telephone scams going on attempting to con people into making payments to scammers. More information can be found on our website www.OPC-dc.gov. His direct email is smarencic@opc-dc.gov.

<u>Discussion of and possible vote on application by Cara Cook for a special exception</u> from the rear yard requirements to construct a second story rear addition to an existing house at 2628 Moreland Place, NW (Case No. 20343) (00:07:57)

Will and Cara Cook are applying for a special exception to construct a second story rear addition. Currently, portions of the home already constructed are non-conforming because the home was built before the current zoning regulations were put into effect.

The Commission voted 4-0 to support the Cook family's application for a special exception.

<u>Discussion of the Department of Public Works' program for bagged leaf collection</u> with a DPW representative (00:14:00)

Celeste Duffie explained the new process for leaf collection in light of the public health emergency. The Department of Public Works will deploy smaller crews this year to accommodate social distancing guidelines and therefore residents must bag their leaves for them to be collected by the Department of Public Works. Residents over age 65 can apply for an exemption by calling 311 and asking to be enrolled in the hardship assistance program. Residents can read more about the leaf collection program at https://dpw.dc.gov/service/leaf-collection. Leaf collection will begin on November 9th. The Department of Public Works is providing bags for residents and those will be delivered before November 9th. Residents can email celeste.duffie@dc.gov if they have concerns or questions about leaf collection.

<u>Presentations from and discussion of reports by the Task Force on Racism's Housing, Education and Health, and Community working groups (00:31:05)</u>

Commissioner Tuck-Garfield summarized the Commission's actions and Task Force actions since June 2020. The Task Force formed three working groups – housing, education and health, and community. Each work group wrote a report to present to the full Commission.

Gary Thompson, a resident, and Lisa Gore, a resident, summarized the report of the Community work group (00:33:05). The Community work group focused on three areas – community awareness, physical environment, and District policies/programs. The work group met since June 2020, and developed 11 recommendations. Residents can access the work group's report, read meeting notes, and read all of the recommendations at https://anc3g.org/task_forces/task-force-on-racism/.

Michael Gibbons, a resident, presented on behalf of the health and education working group (01:08:20). The working groups worked on issues of school financing, racial justice curricula, community engagement, educational technology gaps, and social-emotional learning programs in DCPS schools. The working group developed sets of recommendations and activities in each focus area. Residents can access the work group's report, read meeting notes, and read all of the recommendations at https://anc3g.org/task forces/task-force-on-racism/.

Sarah Remes, a resident, Connie Chang, a resident, and Ron Eichner, a resident presented on the work of the housing working group (01:36:25). The working group researched the history of housing, segregation, and other practices that created the housing situation in the District. The work group also included recommendations in their report. Residents can access the work group's report, read meeting notes, and read all of the recommendations at https://anc3g.org/task_forces/task-force-on-racism/.

Residents provided questions via the Q&A function. The ANC will post these questions and responses at https://anc3g.org/task forces/task-force-on-racism/.

District Bridges Grant

ANC 3/4G recently wrote a letter supporting a grant to District Bridges for a Chevy Chase Main Street and learned this weekend that the grant, which had been previously awarded, was rescinded.

The Commission voted 5 to 0 to write a letter to the Mayor, Council, and Department of Small and Local Business Development.

Commission Business (02:40:45):

The Commission voted 5 to 0 to approve the following checks:

- \$292.08 to the DC Treasurer for Form 491
- \$153.24 to Verizon for the phone bill
- \$152.74 to DOES for taxes.

Items for November 9, 2020 meeting: discussion and possible vote on resolution on the Task Force on Racism's recommendations; Comprehensive Plan testimony; Slow Streets program testimony.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:52 (02:51:15)